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Storm debris to be picked up this Saturday

Fallen tree limbs and branches left in the wake of the storm earlier this month will be picked up this Saturday in three local communities.

In Canton Township, officials are working with trash hauler GFL to provide a special pick up of fallen branches Saturday, March 18.

Branches and tree limbs must be manageable in size with cut ends facing the curb, and small branches/twigs should be tied or bundled, a township spokesman explained. GFL will only collect debris left at the curb.

If there are larger limbs on private property, residents will need to work with their homeowners associations or a private landscaping company for removal. Residents can also drop off fallen branches only at the Canton DPW yard, 4847 Sheldon Road, for the next week.

Residents unable to get branches/limbs cut and at the curb on Saturday, can place them with yard waste pick up set to begin in Canton the week of April 3. Brush and branches may be disposed of on the weekly trash collection day provided it is broken down and placed in garbage cans, paper compost bags or tied in bundles of less than 4-feet in length and weighs less than 50 pounds.

Residents should have the debris from the storm placed at the curb by 6 a.m. for pick up.

Northville Township has also scheduled a special Saturday, March 18 storm yard waste collection. In Northville Township, All items must be placed curbside beginning at 7 a.m.

Northville had originally scheduled the pickup for last week, but rescheduled in light of the ongoing storms predicted.

"Mother Nature is throwing Michigan for a loop this late winter," said Northville Deputy Public Services Director Brad Lear. "We apologize for this delay and look forward to serving you March 18."

This special collection is a one-day event. Regular yard waste recycling in Northville resumes the week of March 20. All brush and branches must be cut to 5-feet or less. Logs must be of a manageable weight and size. Items do not need to be bundled. All yard waste bags or containers must not be more than 50 pounds in weight.

If GFL crews are unable to dispose of the debris because it is above the size and weight parameters, residents will need to hire a private contractor to remove it.

Please direct all questions to DPW at dpw@twp.northville.mi.us or (248) 348-5819

Plymouth Township also rescheduled the storm debris pickup until this Saturday, March 18. Officials said the rescheduling would allow the GFL crews to safely and efficiently find and collect the debris, saving time and money.

Plymouth Township residents should also have all branches and limbs curbside by 7 a.m. Saturday.

As in Northville, all limbs must be cut to 5 feet or less and any logs need to be a manageable weight and size.

Larger items do not need to be bundled but small twigs should be bagged or placed in containers. If the GFL crews are unable to dispose of the debris, the resident is responsible for hiring a private contractor to remove it.

Should any of the tree damage be in the right-of-way area between the sidewalk and street, residents should contact Wayne County at 888-762-3273 for assistance.

Trees that are in front yards, side yards and back yards are the property owner's responsibility. Contractors working to cut and remove damaged limbs and trees are also responsible for the removal and disposal of tree debris, according to a prepared statement from township officials.

Top of the class

Northville High School principal is named best in state

Northville High School principal Tony Koski received quite a surprise during a school student pep rally last week.

Along with the assembled students and teachers, Wendy Zdeb, executive director of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, was on hand to present Koski with the award as Michigan 2023 Principal of the Year.

Koski was visibly surprised at the award which designates him as the state representative in the National Association of Secondary School Principals competition set for October in Washington, D.C

Wendy Zdeb, executive director of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, presented the Principal of the Year award to Northville High School principal Tony Koski during a student pep assembly last week. Koski will now represent Michigan in the national principal of the year competition.

"The students, families and community that is Northville Public Schools are incredibly fortunate that Principal Tony Koski chose us as his professional and personal home. Mr. Koski possesses levels of humility and will that inspire those who serve beside him and those he serves to get after it every single day. Mr. Koski has impacted the lives of so many in a way that will stay with them and us forever and we are all humbly grateful," said Dr. RJ Webber, superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

Koski was nominated by Northville High School Assistant Principal Emily Aluia and she was not alone in her praise for his work. There was an outpouring of support for his nomination from the community; from previous and current colleagues; employees; teachers; students and parents.

Every letter of support mentioned his unwavering commitment and passion for the students.

"Northville High School is a better, stronger, safer and more inclusive community as a result of Tony Koski's leadership, heart, and love for students," said Mary Kay Gallagher, recently retired Northville Public Schools superintendent.

Parent Teacher Student Association President Jodie Rodens explained that Koski is a joy to work with because of his positive and encouraging attitude. Previous Northville Assistant Superintendent Dave Rodgers agreed.

"I had the pleasure of collaborating with Tony both as a colleague and as a parent," Rodgers said. "He is a person of great heart and integrity."

Koski has more than 30 years in education, 20 as an administrator and nine years at Northville High School leading more than 2,500 students and 200 faculty members. Throughout the nominations, Koski was described as a mentor, an advocate and a friend.

"Friendship encompasses all the important qualities of a leader. Friends are loyal, nonjudgmental and are there for you when times get tough," Northville High School senior Zach Ajluni said. "Mr. Koski has displayed these traits time and time again."

Additional words used to describe Koski included dedicated, inclusive, supportive and influential.

"I can honestly say I would not be the educator I am without his support," said Kelsey Mikiciuk, special education teacher, department chair and Unified Champion School coordinator at the high school.

Koski has helped Northville expand post-secondary pathways, increased focus on evidence-based instructional practices, improved student support for academic, social-emotional and mental health needs and created a more student-centered and inclusive school community, explained

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Romulus

Wadsworth chosen as 2023 Citizen of the Year

> *Wadsworth was selected based on his dedication and devotion to improving the Romulus community.*

The longest serving city councilman in Romulus has been named the 2023 Romulus Person of the Year by The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

William J. Wadsworth, a 55-year resident of the city, is the 36th individual to receive the prestigious award. He will be honored during a special community celebration set for April 28 at the Detroit Marriott. Tickets for the event will be available until April 10.

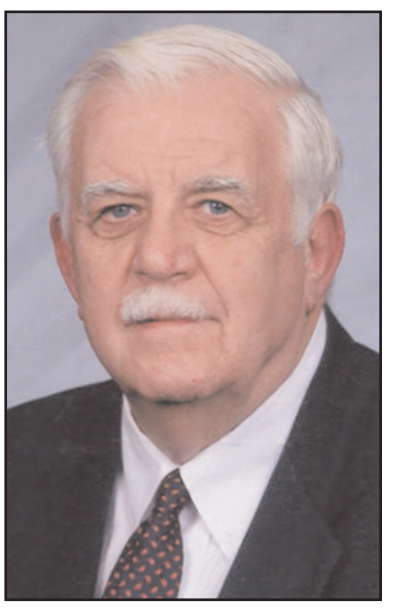
Wadsworth was selected based on his dedication and devotion to improving the Romulus community. He has been an extraordinary example of a public servant in the city, a chamber spokesman said. One of his most notable public efforts was the funding and construction of a new animal shelter in the city to replace the aging and inadequate facility located in an old fire station. Wadsworth organized and worked at multiple fundraising activities, including special bingo nights and charity bowling outings, which generated more than $355,000 in cash donations from local residents and businesses. He also obtained many in-kind donations of materials and services for the shelter totaling more than $42,000. His efforts are credited for the construction of the award-winning animal shelter located on Wayne Road in the city.

Wadsworth and his wife, Virginia, are the parents of three adult sons, all of whom graduated from the Romulus Community Schools. The couple have been members of Saint Aloysius Church for 55 years where they have volunteered their time to help during the Labor Day weekend festival, fish fries, and other activities hosted by the church.

Wadsworth served in the United States Army for three years before joining the Wayne County Sheriff's Department, where he served from 1969 until 1982. During that time, Romulus was part of his patrol area as no municipal police department had been established in Romulus. He earned a bachelor of science degree in public safety from Madonna College. In 1982, he began his career with the Detroit Metropolitan Airport police, where he served as a sergeant until his retirement in 2004.

Wadsworth has served as a volunteer on several City of Romulus boards and commissions. He is a long-time member of the Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the longest-serving council member in the city.

"The Romulus community is proud to honor Wadsworth and his contributions to the city. His dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on Romulus, and his commitment to public service is a shining example for all," noted a prepared statement from the chamber.


William Wadsworth

Tickets for the Person of the Year Banquet are $50 per person payable in advance at the chamber office, 11189 Shook Road in Romulus. More information about purchasing tickets is available at (734)893-0694. Tickets will only be available until April 10.

The event will include a reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 and the program at 8 p.m. Detroit Metro Airport Marriott is located at 30559 Flynn Dr. in Romulus.

Lights, camera, action

Feature-length movie set to begin shooting at city locations

Movie cameras, booms, microphones and sets will become a regular site throughout the Romulus community beginning next month.

An independent feature film will begin production in the city in early April, explained director Jesse McAnally, who also co-wrote the script with Nathan Keelan. McAnally launched a crowdfunding campaign in October 2022 to finance the film titled The Daughters of the Domino. He said contributions by enthusiastic backers helped exceed the budget goal.

Jesse McAnally

"For years, I've been perfecting my filmmaking skills with short films, and I'm thrilled to be taking on my first feature film with 'The Daughters of the Domino.' I'm most excited to showcase the beauty and cinematic potential of my hometown of Romulus to a broader audience," McAnally said. Filming will take place entirely in Michigan, primarily in Romulus, with an emphasis on state landscapes and local talent.

The Daughters of the Domino follows the story of Nina Rose, a detective who gained notoriety after arresting her serial killer father, known as the Domino, McAnally said. Years later, Nina and her sister must work together to find her niece, who has gone missing, while chasing down a new killer, leading them to confront their past in a gripping and suspenseful tale, he added.

The film will star Miranda Moffat, Lucie Gillespie, Ashley Poulin, and Asia Marie Hicks, McAnally said.

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The funds raised will cover the film's production, post-production, and distribution.

McAnally, a 2014 graduate of Romulus High School, earned a bachelor's degree in media arts from Wayne State University and produces promotional videos and event photography as well.

He currently serves as Creative Director of Fosca Features, LLC where he has directed and produced three short films as well as many of professional promotional materials over the last four years. His most recent film, After Ashes, has played in many film festivals– domestic and international– and has won eight awards.

For more information, access daughtersofthedomino.com or email McAnally at foscafeatures@gmail.com.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 20, 2023 for the following:

BID PACKAGE #02 - VICTORY PARK BALLFIELDS

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF ROMULUS

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, April 5, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus Board of Zoning Appeals will hold the following public hearings at **7:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023** at the Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road to consider the following petitions:

1. BZA-2023-002; **Deborah Romak-Ryan**, requesting a variance from *Section 6.04(a) Area, Height, and Placement Requirements* of the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the minimum rear yard setback from 35' to 22.16' as part of a proposed lot split. The subject property is zoned CBD-2, Downtown and is located at **11022 Sterling Street** (Parcel ID # 80-078-01-0282-000).
2. BZA-2023-003; **DTE Energy (Remote Control Valve)** requesting a variance from *Section 8.04(a) Area, Height, and Placement Requirements* of the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the minimum rear yard setback from 10' to 5' to accommodate utility equipment station (remote control valve). The subject property is zoned M-1, Light Industrial and is located at **29411 Beverly Road** (Parcel ID # 80-008-99-0010-703).

Copies of the applications are available for review in the Planning Department located at the Department of Public Services (12600 Wayne Road) during regular business hours which are 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Any questions regarding the application should be directed to Carol Maise, City Planning in the Planning Department at 734-955-4530. Written comments may be submitted and should be addressed to the Planning Department, 12600 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said requests. Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the Planning Secretary (734-955-4530) 48 hours prior to the meeting. Our staff will be pleased to make necessary arrangements.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS
NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 34, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2023 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches eight (8) inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine that is set at the courts discretion.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 22/23-20 Two Year Contract Pricing for Gravel, Sand & Limestone
ITB 22/23-21 Two Year Contract Pricing for Large Water Parts - Water Hydrants & Gate Valves
ITB 22/23-22 One Year Guaranteed Pricing - Water System - Small Parts

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the above item/items and/or services.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless mad
(2) Questions must be emailed to Purchasing@romulusgov.com and received no later than 12:00 PM Local Time, April 04, 2023.
(3) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
(4) A total of two copies (one marked "Original" and one marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:00 P.M., **Thursday, April 13, 2023**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.
(5) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time April 13, 2023, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.
(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
(7) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.
(8) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
(9) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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NORTHVILLE

Maybury Farm Maple Syrup Tours now under way

Maple Syrup Tours will continue this weekend at Maybury Farm in Northville. Tours will take place Saturdays and Sundays through April 2. The tours begin with a tractor-pulled wagon ride into the woods to see how maple trees are tapped and then watch and taste the running sap. This is a walking trip into the Sugar Bush, so visitors should be prepared to walk a short distance, the farm manager explained.

Visitors will return to the farm by wagon ride and be taken directly to the Sugar Shack to see how the sap becomes maple syrup. Visitors can also enjoy a visit with the farm animals while at the farm, organizers said.

Maple Syrup tours at Maybury Farm begin with a tractor pulled wagon ride into the woods to drain sap from the maple trees.

After the tour, visitors can warm up in the Maybury Farm General Store where hot drinks and snacks are available to purchase. Pure Michigan Maple Syrup is also available for purchase along with free recipes which use maple syrup.

The cost for the popular event is $10 per person, with children 2 and younger admitted at no cost with an adult. Group tours are available for any group of 15 or more paid admissions.

Space is limited for each tour and visitors are asked to be at the wagon loading area 15 minutes prior to the assigned tour time, late arrivals cannot be accommodated. The wagon ride to and from the Sugar Bush is included in admission.

Appropriate dressing for the unpredictable Michigan March weather and shoes comfortable for the walk into the wooded area are advised. The outdoor walking tour is sometimes wet and snow covered.

Tours depart on the half hour from 12:30 until 4 p.m. when the last wagon leaves for the wooded area. The tours are dependent on the weather visitors should call to ensure the tours are scheduled in the event of freezing temperatures, high winds or ice. Closure will be announced on the website as soon as possible.

Reservations are not required and tickets are sold at the door. Space for the popular tours is limited, organizers advised, and tickets usually sell out quickly.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville and is operated by the Northville Community Foundation, a registered 501 c 3 organization. The farm entrance is about a quarter mile past the state park entrance off Eight Mile Road.

For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

The farm opens at noon and closes at 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.mayburyfarm.org.

Principal

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Aluia in the nomination.

"His effectiveness as a leader is amplified by his clear vision of quality teaching and learning, unmatched dedication, robust communication with all community stakeholders and a determination to ensure that every student experiences social, emotional and academic success to their greatest potential," said Rebecca Peck, Northville Public Schools assistant superintendent of communications, development and equity.

To be eligible for the award, nominees demonstrate a sense of collaborative leadership, involvement in curriculum, instruction and assessment as well as a personal positive involvement with district staff, students and families.

"Mr. Koski has repeatedly shown that to him being a principal is not just a job - it's a lifestyle," said Ajluni in Koski's student letter of recommendation.

"It seemed only fitting that this award be presented to Koski at the conclusion of NHS's Inclusion Week. Tony is a humble leader and always keeps the most important piece of education at the forefront, the students.

"It is an honor to have him representing Michigan as the 2023 Principal of the Year," said Zdeb, after presenting Koski with the award.

The selection committee for the award includes students and principals from the Michigan Student Leadership Board of Delegates and the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals Board of Directors.

Team effort

Last week, several potential candidates braved snowy conditions to attend the Northville Township Police Department recruitment open house. The township has a position for one new officer to join the force. Candidates who attended the open house learned about the department, toured the facility and talked with current officers. The recruitment team, above, said they look forward to hiring a new officer in a few months. For more information, access the township police website.

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Inkster - Sumpter

Proposed budget expenses considered by trustees

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees are considering the options of repairing or replacing township buildings, including the community center and township hall, following a public hearing on the proposed township budget.

At the Feb. 28 public hearing regarding the $5.83 million general fund budget for 2023-24, township Finance Director Scott Holtz proposed allocating $300,000 for a new roof for the township hall and $300,000 for emergency over run costs. Trustee Don LaPorte raised his concerns about that budget proposal and suggested an evaluation of all township buildings before allocating any funds for repairs.

LaPorte said the board needed to understand the costs of replacing or repairing the roof and other features at township hall. He suggested the board members might be simply "putting lipstick on this old pig." Trustee Peggy Morgan also voiced concerns about making repairs at the community center and putting a new roof on the township hall, stating that it would be "throwing good money after bad." She suggested there could be grant money available for repairs and upgrades.

Holtz assured the board that he had explored the possibilities and applied for all available grants and was actively searching for others. Township Manager Tony Burdick suggested hiring a consultant to help locate available grants and said the hiring of a consultant could be discussed by trustees at the next board workshop. He added that he had already been exploring local grant writing professionals.

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Other budget proposals included purchasing seven new computers, new filing cabinets in the clerk's office, and new doors for the community center. Holtz also proposed reducing the monthly pension fund for police and cutting expenses to avoid expenses which exceed the anticipated revenue for the township.

The proposed budget exceeds last year by $230,000, with a projected 5 percent increase in property values and an estimated 15 percent decrease in new housing permits in the township. The landfill royalty fund is expected to be $8 million, with a 15 percent reduction in royalties, Holtz explained.

The board members will also have to make a decision regarding use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that are maturing in April.

Holtz also explained that Great Lakes Water Authority has announced a 4.7 percent increase in rates for Sumpter, and suggested a gradual increase in residential water rates rather than one large increase. Trustee Matthew Oddy reminded the board members that the water and sewer fund is not part of the general fund and he would object to using general budget funding to pay for water rate increases.

Oddy expressed his desire for a balanced budget and said the cost of replacing all township buildings could be as much as $12 million if both township hall and a community center were included. Even with grant funding, Oddy said, the expense would be significant for the township. He said he, too, was in favor of professional evaluations of the costs for both the proposed repairs and replacement of township buildings.

LaPorte suggested that repair expenses be included for specific buildings identified in the budget, but reiterated the need for a thorough appraisal and evaluation of all township buildings to determine which would be the most cost effective.

Reading along

First grade students at Hicks Elementary School enjoyed a special reading of The Giving Tree last week when Wayne Westland Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Dignan came to visit. Dignan read to several classrooms at the school as part of Reading Month. The school is located in Inkster and is part of the Wayne-Westland district. In honor of the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, March is designated as National Reading Month - a month to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day. Educators said reading is a key component of education and professional development.

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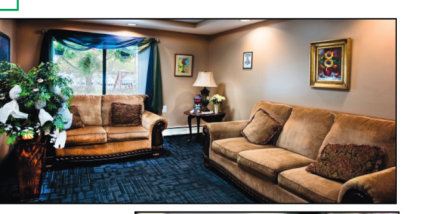

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2006-FORD-1FMYU02Z46KA05925-ECP SW
1999-GMC-1GKEK13RXXJ757092-YUK SW
1997-HONDA-1HFSC3406VA003732-CYL
1976-OLDSMOBILE-3J29R6M413386-CUT
2008-MAZDA-JM3ER293580173018-CX7 SW
2011-FORD-2FABP7BV1BX168178-CVC 4D

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2010 FORD
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2005 FORD
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CANTON - PLYMOUTH

Top chefs

Plymouth Canton students win state competition honor

Plymouth-Canton Community School students in the hospitality and culinary arts program took the top prize at the Michigan ProStart Culinary Competition in Port Huron on March 5-6.

They came, they sauteed, they conquered.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools student chefs chopped their way to victory at the Michigan ProStart Culinary Competition, where they bested 22 other schools and 300 student chefs March 5-6 to be the top high school culinary team in the state.

"Our young chefs poured their heart and soul into this competition and their dishes truly reflect all their hard work, creativity, talent and passion," said Plymouth Canton Community Schools chef instructor and coach Diana Woodward. "We are so grateful to ProStart for encouraging young people to consider an education and careers in hospitality and the culinary arts."

Nearly 50 students are enrolled in the district hospitality and culinary arts program. At the state contest in Port Huron, the Plymouth Canton team won with a starter of soy marinated tuna with pickled apple, charred scallion mayonnaise, beets, cucumber, avocado mousse and black tahini tuile; a main course of strip steak and braised short rib with potatoes dauphinoise, carrot matignon, tomatoes and mushrooms jus and a dessert of coconut Bavarian orange-almond cake with caramel jam over a coconut, blackberry sorbet and passion fruit curd.

The winners now will now travel to Washington D.C. to compete at the national level in the National ProStart® Invitational May 2-4 where more than $250,000 in scholarships are available to students who want to continue their post-secondary education in hospitality-related fields.

"The Plymouth Canton Educational Park students demonstrated hard work, determination and creativity and exemplified what it means to work in the restaurant and hospitality industries," said Amanda Smith, executive director of the Michigan Hospitality Foundation. "Every student who entered in this competition is primed for success in the hospitality industry."

Teams had 20 minutes to preset their station for the meal production and then had an hour of cooking time using two butane burners in a contained workspace. Teams presented recipes and a menu pricing worksheet. Participants had to showcase a variety of skills, including at least four of 11 specified knife cuts.

The Michigan Prostart Competition is an annual culinary and management competition hosted by the Michigan Hospitality Foundation. Teams are observed, rated and judged by leading industry professionals and higher education instructors. The competition helps students gain firsthand experience in a variety of areas, including food safety, business management, menu development and marketing, according to the foundation website.

"We're so proud of the hard work, dedication and talent of these young culinary wizards," said Monica Merritt, superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "It's exciting to see our incredible students succeed in the classroom, in the kitchen and in so many different places throughout our learning community."

Plymouth-Canton Community School students practiced several times a week to prepare ahead of the Michigan ProStart Culinary Competition.

In addition to taking the top spot at the competition, Plymouth Canton students also took second place in restaurant management and another second place in developing healthy and nutritious menus.

Canton set to begin cross connection water flow inspections

More than 11,000 homes in Canton Township will experience an inspection of the water supply cross connection as part of the township Residential Cross Connection Control Program.

The inspections are mandated by the State of Michigan as cross connections pose a serious public health threat to a drinking water supply system, with most residential contamination risks coming from underground irrigation systems, township officials said. Currently, more than 11,000 homes in Canton have such systems and will require backflow device testing.

To accommodate the large number of homes and limited certified testing companies, township officials have proposed a five-year rotational schedule for inspection and testing. The testing will begin in Zone 4 this spring.

To determine in which zone a residence is located, residents can visit https://cantongis.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html and click on the Cross-Connection Map.

Township officials sent a letter to all homeowners association representatives and homeowner groups to better explain the program and answer any questions.

To view a copy of that letter, visit https://www.canton-mi.org/DocumentCenter/View/11117/Residential-Cross-Connection-Letter.

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Wayne - Westland

School district completes third sale of bonds

The third and final sale in the series of School Building and Site Bonds has been completed by the Wayne Westland Community Schools district.

The $36,760,000 bond sale was authorized by the voters of the school district in November of 2018. The final sale represents one third of the series which will be used for remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing and re-furnishing school buildings, athletic fields and other facilities; acquiring and installing instructional technology equipment and infrastructure in school buildings and other facilities; construction of additions to existing school buildings and athletic field houses at both high school sites; preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields and other facilities and the purchase of school buses, and paying the costs of issuing the bonds.

> "We are committed to being good financial stewards of the bonds entrusted to us by our voters.

District officials worked with consultants from Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC in preparing the sale, including the credit quality of the district by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard and Poor's Financial Services LLC. Auditors assigned the school district a rating of "A" with a stable outlook, citing large and mostly developed tax base in the district with residential incomes considered adequate; consistent surpluses, resulting in reserves above 20 percent and moderate debt levels. The bonds received an enhanced long-term rating of "AA" credited in part to the district participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program.

"We are committed to being good financial stewards of the bonds entrusted to us by our voters. This fiscal responsibility and the school improvements that will be completed due to the bond will benefit the district and our entire community," said Dr. John Dignan, superintendent of the Wayne Westland district.

The bonds were sold at an interest rate of 4.45 percent with a final maturity of 2046, a repayment term of approximately 24 years, according to information provided by the school district.

Goal...
Mayor loses 'friendly' wager on hockey game

The Westland Police Community Partnership Hockey Team faced off last weekend against the Garden City Police Department in a charity hockey game to benefit Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Devin Kachar.

> "There were no losers on the ice, only heroes.

More than $6,500 was generated to help fund medical expenses for Kachar who was paralyzed due to gunshot injuries sustained in September while on a surveillance assignment. Kachar was critically wounded during the incident.

Garden City Police Department players defeated the Westland players by a score of 11-7. The loss was also a defeat for Mayor Mike Londeau who was forced to wear a Garden City player's jersey during the meeting of the Westland City Council last week as part of a friendly wager with Garden City Mayor Mark Jacobs.

Kachar's family sent a letter thanking both communities and the respective police forces for the support and financial help the charity game provided.

"There were no losers on the ice, only heroes," the letter said.

On a roll

Members of the Wayne Memorial High School Bowling Team celebrated their win of the championship match last week. The team won the Michigan High School Athletic Association championship and are now officially the best high school bowling team in their state division.

Special needs registry offered

Families with special needs members can now register with the Westland Police Department to ensure appropriate responses.

The police department has established a 911 registry for Westland families who live with someone who has disabilities, such as autism or Alzheimer's disease. Residents can complete a form and submit it to the department. The pertinent information will be entered into the dispatch system, alerting officers to any special circumstances at the residence.

If officers are dispatched to an address that has completed the registry form, an alert will be placed on the address notifying police of any pertinent information before responding. The goal of the registry is to prevent situations such as lights/siren causing an epileptic seizure or miscommunication when interacting with someone who is non-verbal or autistic.

The form is available at the Westland Police Department and at Westland City Hall during business hours, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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